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67,097-024; EH-11034
Serial No. 10/769,169, filed 1/30/04**REMARKS**

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claim 15 has been amended, and claim 21 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-20 and 22-26 are pending.

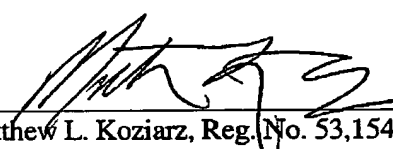
The Examiner rejected claims 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jensvold. Claim 15 has been amended and recites that "the microporous polymer membrane is an amorphous fluoropolymer." Jensvold fails to disclose or suggest a microporous polymer membrane made of amorphous fluoropolymer as recited in Applicant's claim 15. Therefore, claim 15 and its dependent claims are properly allowable.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadaccini in view of Jensvold. Claims 6-14 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadaccini in view of Jensvold. Claims 15-21 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadaccini in view of Jensvold. Claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadaccini in view of Jensvold.

With regard to the rejections based upon Spadaccini, the instant Application and Spadaccini (6709492) were, at the time the invention of the instant Application, commonly owned by UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION. Therefore, the Spadaccini reference is disqualified as prior art, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0279 in the name of Pratt & Whitney for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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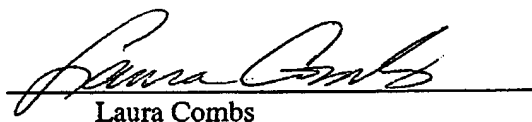
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